

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2008

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Place: WFLA Conference Center

Spruce & Park Avenues Niobrara, Nebraska

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public scoping meeting for the proposed improvements or relocation of Nebraska Highway 12 (N-12) near Niobrara, Knox County, Nebraska. The Project is known as N-12 Niobrara East & West.

Two segments of existing N-12 have experienced flooding and damage due to high water levels associated with the Missouri River.

Segment 1 is approximately 6.4 miles long and extends from just east of Verdel, Nebraska, to 2 miles west of the bridge over the Niobrara River.

Segment 2 is approximately 6 miles long and extends from just east of Spruce Avenue in Niobrara to approximately 1 mile east of Nebraska Spur-54D.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the N-12 Niobrara East and West Project proposed by the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). NDOR is responsible for providing a safe, efficient, affordable, environmentally compatible, and coordinated statewide transportation system for the movement of people and goods.

The public is invited to attend the public meeting on August 28 any time between 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The meeting will be an open-house format with a variety of materials available for viewing. Project team members will be available to discuss issues and answer questions regarding the Project and the Environmental Impact Statement process.

The purpose of the public scoping meeting is to introduce this phase of the Project to the public, present the preliminary Project's Purpose and Need, present preliminary alternatives, and gather information from the public about important issues and local concerns. Written comments and questions from the public will be accepted as part of the scoping process.

If you require special provisions at the public scoping meeting for hearing, visual, or other disabilities, please contact Matt Wray (Corps) at (402) 896-0896 or Matt Pillard (HDR Engineering, Inc.) at (402) 399-1186 prior to the meeting. If you would like to be added to the Project mailing list, contact Matt Pillard at HDR at the above-listed phone number.